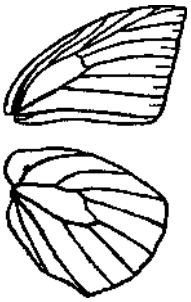
Genus MEGANOSTOMA, **Reakirt**
(The Dog-face Butterflies)

[41] Let me smell the wild white rose,
Smell the woodbine and the may;
Mark, upon a sunny day,
Sated from their blossoms rise,
Honey-bees and butterflies."
JEAN INGELOW.



Butterfly.— Closely resembling those of the following genus, *Colias*, from which they may be readily distinguished by the more acutely pointed apex of the fore wings and by the remarkable coloration of these wings in the male sex, the dark outer borders being disposed upon the lighter ground-color so as to present the appearance of a rude outline of the head of a dog, whence these butterflies have sometimes been called the [41]'dog-face butterflies/'

Egg.— Fusiform, strongly pointed at the apex, broader at the base, the sides marked with a few delicate ridges, between which are numerous cross-lines.

Caterpillar.—Elongate, cylindrical, the head relatively small, striped on either side by a whitish lateral line on each segment having a transverse darker line. They feed upon leguminous plants.

FIG. 146.—Neuration of the genus *Meganostoma*.

Chrysalis.—Pointed at the head, convex on the abdominal segments on the dorsal side, with a decided hump on the thorax* The wing-covers unite to form a moderately deep carinate, or keel-shaped, projection on the ventral side, not, however, nearly as krge as in the genus *Catopsilia.*

But two species of the genus are found within our fauna, one widely distributed throughout the Southern and Southwestern States, the other confined to the Pacific coast.

(i) **Meganostoma eurydice,** Boisduval, Plate XXXVI, Fig. 1, *$* ; Fig. 2, ? (The Califomian Dog-face).

Butterfly.—The splendid purplish iridescence of the fore wings of the male is only faintly indicated in the plate.

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